

SBC Radio-TV Commission Makes I World

Sometimes you "can't get there from here."

But the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, following a direction spelled out by God, has gotten "here" from there.

As churches across the Southern Baptist Convention observe Radio and Television Commission Sunday, May 16, "here" in 1976 is an agency that weekly produces 39 programs for airing 3,790 times weekly on 2,604 radio and television programs — in 13 languages. Industry estimates indicate that kind of coverage reaches the ear of 100 million people weekly.

In addition, several Radio and Television Commission programs have been selected for broadcast by the American Forces Network

to their personnel in this country and abroad.

"Here" in 1975 was a year that saw broadcasters give more than \$9.5 million worth of public service time to air religious programs produced by Baptists.

And "here" is a year in which the Commission's new studio and videotape facilities are expected to open (August, 1976 is the projected date). This will enable Baptists to enter television in the same broad scope that they have entered radio.

The route from "there" — a dream in the minds of a few visionaries — winds through nearly 50 years of determination, persuasion, and heartbreaking efforts to this exciting "here."

Commercial radio began when the Twenties roared. For more

than a decade Baptists added little to the cacophony of sound that shattered the airwaves.

A few men dreamed, and worked, but it wasn't until 1941 that the first Southern Baptist Radio Committee-sponsored broadcast, "The Baptist Hour," was aired. It was the first in a series of 13 broadcasts heard by listeners to 17 stations in 11 states.

In 1942 the SBC made the Radio Committee a standing committee and appointed Dr. Samuel F. Lowe, pastor of Atlanta's Inman Park Baptist Church, full time director. For years, Dr. Lowe had recognized the gospel opportunities for such a committee. In 1948 the Radio Committee was recognized as an agency and designated to receive Cooperative Program funds.

In 1951 "The Baptist Hour" moved away from paid time and began to be circulated to independent radio stations for free public service broadcasting. When Dr. Lowe died in 1952, Dr. Paul M. Stevens of Ada, Okla., became Radio Commission director. In 1954 the SBC added "Television" to the Commission's title, and granted the agency permission to move to Fort Worth, Texas.

Radio production grew from the lone "The Baptist Hour" to 19 programs a week. Television production began. "This Is The Answer" series was released to the nation's TV stations in April, 1956. Other television specials were aired in cooperation with ABC, CBS, and NBC.

JOT became a reality in 1968, teaching youngsters lessons in liv-

ing and deluging the Radio and Television Commission with mountains of mail. Many parents wrote, "You taught my child in five minutes things it has taken me five years to get across to him." JOT has since been translated into Spanish and "Puntito" continues to charm children in Latin American cultures.

Today "The Baptist Hour" has been joined by five other radio programs — "Country Crossroads," "MasterControl," "Powerline," "NightSong," and "Soul-SearcherS." On television, "The Answer" has been updated by "The Human Dimension," a series of industry award-winning dramas and documentaries. "The Human Dimension" suggests religious solution to con-

temporary problems.

Another stop along the road from "there to here" is the Commission's program response department. For several years this department, under the direction of Dr. J. P. Allen, has offered spiritual follow-up to listeners who write. This follow-up has involved a multiplicity of printed materials and thousand of personal letters containing hours of evangelistic counsel and suggested solutions to problems.

Each day this particular department hears from people who have rededicated their lives, accepted Christ as Savior, or expressed an interest in learning more about Christianity.

Other letters report aborted suicide attempts, successful ef-

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As Baptists observe Radio and Television Commission Sunday, May 16, the new television studio and training center nears completion. It is expected to be open sometime after August, 1976. The Baptist agency has grown from a dream in the minds of a few visionaries 35 years ago to its present ability to reach nearly 100,000,000 people weekly.

FMB Names Seven From Mississippi As Journeyman

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Ninety-eight young adults were approved for training as missionary journeymen at the April meeting here of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Journeyman are college graduates 28 years of age and under who serve overseas in jobs along

side career missionaries for a two-year term. They accept assignments based on specific job requests from missions (organizations of missionaries).

They will be commissioned for overseas service July 22 in Richmond, Va., after a six-week training period this summer at

Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C.

The journeymen, who will join Southern Baptist missionaries in 38 countries, will serve in the fields of education, nursing, medical technology, student work, evangelism, youth and music work, secretarial work, and agriculture as well as other types of jobs.

The 1976 trainees include both college seniors expecting to be graduated this spring and those who already have a bachelor's degree, who are currently either in graduate school or working.

Kenya will be host to the largest number of journeymen with 13 assigned for service there. Lesser numbers will go to Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Philippines, Rhodesia, Tanzania, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Bang-

Workshops For Workers With Retarded Planned

Workshops for persons interested in the religious education of mentally retarded persons are planned for May 12, 13 and 14 in Oxford, Jackson, and Hattiesburg.

reference site May 13 from 7 p. m. until 9 p. m. On May 14 the conference will be at Main Street

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The workshops will be sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Miss Evelyn George, consultant in the department, has planned these conferences to be primarily for teachers, parents and their retarded children, a church staff members.

E. S. James, Noted Baptist Editor, Dies In Dallas

DALLAS (BP) — E. S. James, 76, who gained national fame as editor of the Baptist Standard, weekly publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, died here, April 26, of cancer, at Bay-

lor Medical Center. James retired in November 1966 as editor of the paper after 12 years of service.

The circulation of 368,000 when he retired ranked the Standard as the largest weekly religious magazine in the nation and the largest circulation of any Texas publication.

James was often referred to as "the conscience of Southern Baptists." As editor, he lashed out at those who questioned the Bible as the inspired Word of God. He was also known for his conviction that church and state must be separate — the former never receiving tax funds and the latter not interfering with the freedom of worship.

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Jewish Leader Requests

Kissinger's Support Of USSR Baptist Leader

NEW YORK (RNS) — The president of the union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) has appealed for the release from prison of the Rev. Georgi Vins, leader of the dissident (unregistered) Baptist body in the Soviet Union.

In a telegram to U. S. Secre-

Soviet Union that respect for religious conscience is a fundamental obligation upon every civilized society," the Reform Jewish leader said.

Rabbi Schindler said that "as a rabbi who has been deeply concerned with securing the rights of the Soviet Jews, I associate

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Evangelism Training Seminar May 24-28

ATLANTA, GA. — A National Evangelism Training Center Seminary May 24-28, will offer methods in evangelism ranging from "equipping the saints" to de-

veloping them as an evangelistic church.

"Growing an evangelistic church is the central strategy of the Home Mission Board's Evangel-

ism Section," said C. B. Hogue, evangelism director for the Southern Baptist agency.

"We've had renewal weekends and witness training and other events for years now," said Hogue. "This pulls together for the pastor and lay leadership all of our spiritual awakening and equipping skills."

The five day seminar, with faculty drawn from the staff of the HMB's Evangelism Section, includes such topics as the foundation and preparation for evangelism and its application to the life of the church, the empowering of the Holy Spirit, equipping the membership for evangelism, and suggested events and continuing activities for evangelism.

The first of these seminars was held in 1975, and plans include plans for formation and utilization of an evangelism group in the church to give direction for

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Area Evangelism Conferences Begin May 10 In Greenville

A second group of Mississippi Baptist area evangelism conferences will get under way May 10 at Second Baptist Church, Greenville. There will be four such conferences in the northern portion of the state. Three conferences in the southern half were to conclude on April 29.

Baptist Church in Batesville, where Rev. E. V. Ginn is pastor; on May 13 at Glenfield Baptist Church in New Albany, where Rev. Jimmy Russell is pastor; and on May 14 at East End Baptist Church in Columbus, where Rev. W. M. Daves is pastor.

Each of these will be one-night conferences so that laymen, women, young people, and pastors who work in the daytime can attend.

The theme is "Proclamation '76 In Your Church," and the theme will be interpreted by Rev. Roy Collum, director of the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The conferences will be sponsored by the Evangelism Department.

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, a former director of the Evangelism Department, will be the principal speaker at each of the conferences. The Bible study will be led by Dr. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Cecil Harper, minister of music at Robinson Street Baptist Church in Jackson, will direct the music.

Each of the meetings will begin at 7:15 p.m. with congregational singing. They will close with Dr. Sansing's message at 9:10 p.m. Nurseries will be open for each of the meetings, Rev. Collum said.

Conference For Secretaries To Be In Jackson

A conference for church secretaries will be held May 4-5 at the Baptist Building in Jackson. The conference will begin at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday and conclude with lunch on Wednesday. A tour of the Baptist Building for those who are interested will follow lunch.

Out-of-state program personalities will include Miss Marjane Cloke, director of public relations for Mutual of New York, and Mrs. Doris A. McWilliams, pastor's secretary and office supervisor at First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.

Mississippi personalities will in-

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Bus Will Go To Glorieta Sunday School Week

A bus to transport Mississippi Sunday School workers to the third Sunday School week at Glorieta has been chartered by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Billy Hudgens, consultant in the department.

The third Sunday School week at Glorieta will be Oct. 25 to Oct. 29. The bus will leave Jackson on Oct. 24 and return on Oct. 30, Hudgens said. The cost will be \$200, which will include the transportation, all the fees at Glorieta

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MC Establishes Howard Spell Lectureship Fund

CLINTON — Mississippi College has announced the establishment of the Dr. and Mrs. Howard E. Spell Lectureship Fund, designed to bring to the campus outstanding Christian scholars whose knowledge and expertise in different fields would be of benefit to the college students.

Dr. and Mrs. Spell established the endowment fund because of their love for the college and interest in the students enrolled there. It is the donor's purpose in setting up this fund that if at some time in the future it is in the best interest of Mississippi College, the Board of Trustees may, on the recommendation of the President of the college, de-





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ladesh, Jordan, Spain, Yemen-India, Dominican Republic, and Mexico.

One journeyman is assigned to each of the following countries: Guam, Malaysia - Singapore, Botswana, Ethiopia, Zambia, Benin (Dahomey), Argentina, Peru, Austria, Gaza, Germany, India, Iran, Switzerland, Honduras and Leeward Islands.

Seven of the journeymen are from Mississippi. They are as follows:

Mike Carroll: Employed as a student worker in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Now employed by Columbus Marble Works, Columbus, Miss. Clarke Memorial College, Newton, A.A. '73; Union University, Jackson, Tenn., B.A. '76. Woodland Hills Baptist, Jackson. Son of M-M Charles J. Carroll of Columbus. He was born in Grenada, Miss., and grew up in Columbus.

Annette Forsythe: Employed as a clerical worker in the Mission

office in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Now employed as an accounts maintenance clerk with Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, Miss. Mississippi College, Clinton, B.S. '75. First Baptist, Clinton. Daughter of M-M Thomas H. Forsythe of Biloxi.

Peggy Hicks: Employed as a nurse at Jibla Baptist Hospital, Taiz, Yemen and Baptist Hospital, Bangalore, India. Now a nurse at Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center, Jackson. Mississippi College, Clinton, B.S.N. '75. First Baptist, Jackson. Daughter of M-M W. M. Hicks of Greenwood.

Minda Irene Hogstrom: Employed as a nurse and ward supervisor at Baptist Hospital in Gaza. Now a senior at University of Alabama School of Nursing, Birmingham, B.S.N. '76. She lived in Jackson and Birmingham, Ala. while growing up.

Tommy D. Mawh: Employed as a teacher in Itacoatiara, Amazonas, Brazil. Now a senior at University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, B.A. expected 5-76.

University Baptist, Hattiesburg. Son of M-M James Mawh of Slate Springs, Miss.

Janet Mayhall: Employed as an elementary teacher in Recife, Brazil. Now employed as a teacher with Sharkey-Isoquena Line Consolidated Schools in Rolling Fork, Miss. Clarke College, Newton, A.A. '73 and Delta State University, Cleveland, B.S.E. '73. First Baptist, Rolling Fork. Daughter of M-M D. N. Mayhall of Greenville. She was born in Nigeria where her parents were serving as missionaries. She grew up there and in Magee and Pascagoula.

Barbara Smith: Employed as a home economics teacher at Baptist Women's College, Abeokuta, Nigeria. Now employed by Allied Enterprises of Whitfield, Miss. Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, A.A. '72 and Delta State University, Cleveland, B.S. '74. First Baptist, Jackson. Daughter of M-M William Bryant Smith of Vance, Miss. She was born in Lambert, Miss.

Mississippi's 'Whale' Wins Two Awards At BPRA Meeting

SARASOTA, Fla. (BP) — Representatives of 19 Southern Baptist national and state organizations, paced by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, collected 56 individual awards from among 207 entries in the annual national awards competition of the Baptist Public Relations Association (BPRA) here.

The Home Mission Board, Atlanta, collected 11 of the awards, while the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, and the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, had seven each. Four each went to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Fort Worth. Twenty-five other awards were spread among 14 other organizations.

Two awards went to John Cobb Smith of Dallas, TimeRite subsidiary of the Radio and Television Commission, first in Radio-TV production and second in advertising single, both for "The Whale That Came to Mississippi."



BPRA Elects Officers

Stanton H. Nash, left, was elected 1976-77 national president of the Baptist Public Relations Association at BPRA's annual meeting in Sarasota, Fla. Serving with Nash, assistant to the president of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., left to right, are James H. Cox Sr., associate editor, Western Recorder, Middletown, Ky., program vice president; M. Judson Cook, director of public relations, department of child care, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, membership vice president; Evelyn Strickland, public relations coordinator, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, secretary-treasurer; Jennifer K. Bryon, communications specialist, book store division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, SBC Inter-agency Council representative; and Leonard Hill, managing editor, Baptist Program, Newsletter Editor, Miss Bryon's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Bryon, live in Clinton.



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Conference For Secretaries

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clude Rev. Leon Young, director of missions for the Lauderdale Association; Mrs. Barbara Taylor, assistant in the Woman's Missionary Union; and Rev. Leon Emery, consultant for church administration.

Kissinger's Support of USSR Baptist Leader

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Mr. Vins heads the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians and Baptists in the USSR, the unregistered body which has been under restrictive pressures by the government. He is currently serving a five-year term.

Rabbi Schindler said in his telegram to Mr. Kissinger that a support for Pastor Vins and the "cry of conscience has now been amplified by 25 Congressmen who have urged Congress to say that the Soviet Union should immediately release Georgi Vins from imprisonment and allow him and

Evangelism Training Seminar May 24-28

(Continued from page 1) evangelization through renewal, witness and ministry skill training, and continuing growth in Christian maturity.

Offered to pastors, church staff members, denominational personnel, and lay persons, the seminar will require a \$50 registration fee, which includes costs of materials and resource items. Housing and meals are extra.

The meeting will be from 2 p.m. Monday through noon Friday. Registrants may obtain more information and registration forms from National Evangelism Training

Center, 1350 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309.

Two more seminars with essentially the same content will be held Sept. 13-17 and Nov. 15-19, both in Atlanta.

Some folks make monkeys of themselves by carrying tales.

Be positive. Determine your goal and the route to it.

Be systematic. Take one step at a time.

Be persistent. Hold to your course.

Be a student. Know your job.

Summit Conference On SBC New TV Facility Slated Radio-

A "summit conference" of denominational leaders will gather in Fort Worth May 20 for a Studio Advisory Consultation to discover the potential for communications available to Baptists when the Radio and Television Commission's new television studio and training center is completed.

"When the videotape production studio and training center is completed in August, Southern Baptists will have expanded capabilities for reaching mass, unchurched audiences," said Paul M. Stevens, Commission president.

"This is an awesome responsibility and we are asking for as much input as possible in planning for the opportunities that will arise for our denomination.

"The Studio Advisory Consultation is planned to discuss ways for all Baptists to utilize this unique facility."

Baptist leaders will be in Fort Worth from denominational board and commissions, seminaries, universities, and state conventions.

Among those attending will be Porter Routh and Albert McClellan, Executive Committee; Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board; James W. Clark, Baptist Sunday School Board; A. R. Fagan, Stewardship Commission and Carolyn Weatherford, Woman's Missionary Union.

Routh, Cauthen, Clark, and Miss Weatherford will explore — each from their organizational standpoint — the potential of the video production center for denominational, evangelistic, and training outreach.

Panel discussions will include details on program production, procedures, and training opportunities as Baptist leaders look at methods of using the video production center to its best denominational potential.

Members of the Radio and Television Commission staff, as well as experts from secular fields, will provide the expertise on program productions. Input in this area also will come from Fon Scofield, Johnni Johnson and Ken Lawson of the Foreign Mission Board.

Bobby Sunderland of the Home Mission Board will discuss the video production center's evangelistic potential while seminary personnel Drs. Wilbur Swartz of New Orleans, Lucien E. Coleman of Southern, and Farrar Patterson of Southwestern, will look at it from its training potential.

Outside resource persons participating in the Consultation will include Capt. Tom Breinholt of the Instructional Television Production Center at Carswell AFB's Strategic Air Command; Ed Milling of Taft Broadcasting Corp.; Mel Rimmer of Berkey Colortran, and Joe Hostettler of Twenty First Century Productions.

State Baptist convention representatives will include Charles Ashcraft, Arkansas; George Bag-

ley, Alabama; Earl Kelly, Mississippi; Cecil Ray, North Carolina; Orville Scott, Texas, Franklin Owen, Kentucky and Victor Hogstrom, Utah-Idaho.

Other denominational leaders attending the gathering include James E. Wood Jr., Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; Kendall Berry, Southern Baptist Foundation, Roy Jennings, Brotherhood Commission, Abner V. McCall, Baylor University; Ben C. Fisher, Education Commission's Darrold Morgan, Annuity Board, and Raymond Rigdon, Seminary Extension Department.

State newspaper editors attending are John J. Hurt, Texas Baptist Standard; Bob Terry, Missouri Word and Way; and Don McGregor, associate editor, Mississippi Baptist Record.

Recreation Mini-Lab Is May 3 In Jackson

Bob Sessoms and Everett B. Robertson, consultants in the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department, will headline a staff of outstanding church recreation leaders during a Church Recreation Mini-Lab May 3-4, according to Norman A. Rodgers, Mississippi Consultant for Church Recreation.

The Mini-Lab will be held at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson. Starting time is 2 p.m. on Monday with adjournment scheduled for 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday. There is no registration fee.

Other church recreation specialists who will share conference and program leadership are Gerald Lord of Greenville, South Carolina; Wayne Barber of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson; Rusty Griffin, First Church, Vicksburg; Darrel Baergen, First Church, Laurel; Mrs. Joy Robertson of Nashville, Tennessee; and Mike Reed of Calvary Church, Jackson.

Special features of the Mini-Lab include a general session on using drama in the church; an evening of experiences in Church Recreation including a devotional by puppet presentation, the presentation of a play, a session of music, and a planned fellowship; and conferences covering puppet construction, puppet production, dramatic games and improvisations, camping, retreats, social recreation, crafts and hobbies, and sports and games.

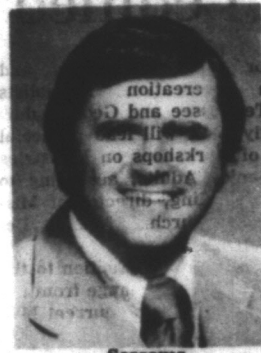
Rodgers, the Mississippi Church Training Department staff member responsible for youth work, has designated the target for this Mini-Lab as the individual in the church who is responsible for the program of recreation or activities. Where there is a staff member with this assignment as part of his job description the person who should attend is obvious, Rodgers declared. In many churches there is no person with this definite assignment. In this instance some individual should be designated as

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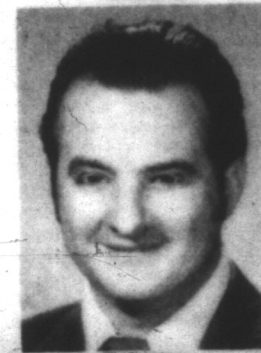
forts to solve drug-induced problems, and solutions to interpersonal relationships among family and peers.

It's been a long road from there to here. Great growth, excitement, and high achievement have paved the way. We've come a long way. But as long as there are people who have not heard the gospel, we've got a long way to go.

On Radio and Television Commission Sunday, pray that God will continue to move the work of the Radio and Television Commission Sunday from "there" to "here."



Sessoms



Robertson

the church's recreation director, he added.

Bob Sessoms joined the Sunday School Board's Church Recreation Department staff in 1972 after serving as Minister of Recreation for First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., and First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Robertson came to the Board in 1974 from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas, where he was director of theater. He had experience with the Utah Shakespeare Festival and the Victoria (British Columbia) Repertory. His assignment is drama coordinator with the department.

Mrs. Eva Aultman Hart, music assistant at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and voice instructor at Mississippi College, will serve as accompanist for the Mini-Lab. Jimmy Smith is the host Minister of Activities.

Spell To Be Honored At Seminary Luncheon

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Howard E. Spell, retired academic dean of Mississippi College in Clinton, has been named an Alumni of the Year by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. Spell will receive his award, along with the other recipients, at the seminary's annual alumni luncheon June 16 in Norfolk, Va.

Spell is a longtime professor of religion, and "has been an educator with a strong personal interest in his students," according to a seminary spokesman. He is a former trustee of Southern Seminary, and graduated in 1933.

Other alumni so honored are Edward L. Byrd, pastor of First Baptist Church, Florence, S.C., and W. Barry Garrett, director of information services for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Southern Seminary's Alumni Luncheon will be held during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Norfolk. The June 16 luncheon will begin at 1 p.m. in the Omni International Hotel. Tickets will be \$6 per person if purchased at the convention, but only \$3 per person if ordered by mail before May 31. Tickets are available by writing Alumni Luncheon, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40206.



Bibles For Bottles

WYTHEVILLE, Va. — H. G. Fouse Jr., 25, manager of a Holiday Inn in Wytheville, Va., says his religious convictions wouldn't allow him to continue selling beer and wine in the motel. So he placed Bibles on the bar's shelves and got rid of the bottles. Business is better than ever, he says. (RNS Photo)

Bus To Glorieta

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including meals, lodging to and from Glorieta, and should be enough to take care of meals on the trip, Hudgens indicated.

The trip is for all Sunday School workers will all ages. Those who are interested should contact Hudgens at Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39206.

Work Day At Central Hills Baptist Retreat

By Paul Harrell

Consultant, Brotherhood Department

Calling Baptist Men and older Royal Ambassador Pioneers! Want to be in on the beginning of a very great project? Then grab your tools, pack your lunch, and come on out May 15 for a day of good work and fellowship.

Help is needed at Central Hills Baptist Retreat site near Kosciusko that day beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There is brush that needs to be cleared away, so won't you come and bring your tools (grubbing hoe, kaiser blade, ax, or any tool used for cutting or digging up small growth or shrubs)?

Each man or boy should bring his lunch. This will be a paper sack affair, with each person bringing his own "choice morsels." Drinks will be furnished by Central Hills Retreat.

If directions are needed, please contact Dr. W. Levon Moore, director of associational missions, Kosciusko, 289-1766, or the Brotherhood Department, Baptist Building, Jackson, 354-3704.

In a year or two it will make a man or boy happy to look at this place and say, "I helped to prepare the way."

Senior Adult Workshops Scheduled July 19-22

Senior adult consultants and church recreation specialists from Tennessee and Georgia during July 19-22 will lead a special series of workshops on Ministries with Senior Adults, according to Kermit S. King, director of Mississippi's Church Training Department.

King has called attention to the fact that this is a change from the projects listed in the current Mississippi Baptist Diary. He has announced the personnel and the locations of these conferences. This information not contained in the diary.

Bob Sessoms and David Freshour are the church recreation specialists. They will discuss recreational opportunities for senior adults. Sessoms is a consultant in the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Freshour is Minister of Activities, First Baptist Church, Albany, Ga.

Charles L. Norton and Waldo M. Woodcock will serve as conference leaders on church ministries with senior adults. Norton is director emeritus of the Tennessee Church Training Department and Woodcock is secretary of the Georgia Church Training Department. Both have assignments in their state in the area of work with senior adults.

Convenors for the conferences will be Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and King.

These projected workshops will be held in six areas of the state. On July 19 workshops will be conducted at First Baptist Church, Greenville, and First Baptist Church, Biloxi. On July 20 the locations will be First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, and First Baptist Church, Meridian. Workshops on July 22 will be at First Baptist Church, Starkville, and Easthaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

Starting time for each conference in 7 p.m.

The program will provide separate conferences for those who are planning to begin a ministry with senior adults and those who already have an ongoing program with Senior Adults.

An additional program feature will be a testimonial on "Here's What We Did." This will present an actual case history of the organization and functioning of a ministry with senior adults from one of the churches of the area.

Additional information concerning these workshops is available from the Mississippi Church Training Department which has the assignment of ministries with senior adults.

Religious Leaders To Discuss Social Problems At Retreat

A two-day retreat May 13 and 14 sponsored by the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference will discuss several social concerns in Mississippi and look at religious experience in the United States in the light of the nation's bicentennial.

The retreat will be held at the Carmelite Monastery at 2155 Terry Road in Jackson.

Dr. William P. Davis, the executive director of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference,

said the conference is "a forum and a vehicle for all religious groups to unite for the well-being of all its people." The retreat this year will mark the fifth one to be sponsored by the conference.

Davis said this year's retreat will focus on three areas. These are to reflect on the influence of religion in the nation, to provide participants growth opportunities through discussions, and to define the obstacles experienced during the bicentennial year.

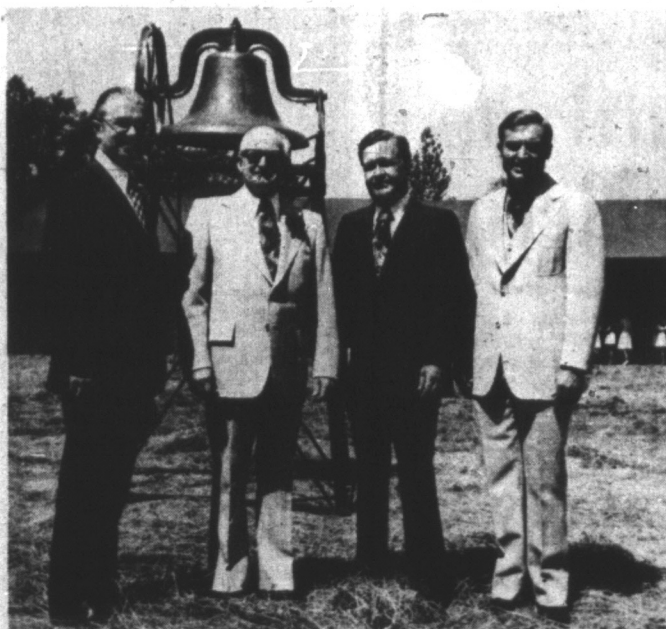
Subjects to be discussed on Thursday include privileged communication for the clergy and support of private colleges in Mississippi.

A number of social problems will be looked at on Friday. These include the sick and the physically and mentally handicapped, housing in Mississippi, the food stamp program, world hunger, and minority employment in Mississippi.

A highlight of the retreat will be the annual banquet on Thursday evening. During the banquet the annual awards of the conference will be presented.

Membership in the conference is made up of members of Christian churches, Episcopal, Jewish, Lutheran, National Baptist, Southern Baptist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Unitarian-Universalist, and United Methodist.

GOJANIA, Brazil—When Southern Baptist Missionaries Mr. and



Special guests for dedication services at Wildwood, Clinton, were left to right: Dr. Charles Martin, Rev. David T. Cranford, Dr. Perry C. Perkins, and the pastor, Dr. Fred Womack.



Building Committee members at Wildwood were, left to right: Bert Marshall, chairman, Donna Cook, George Jackson, Fred Womack, pastor, James Prewitt, Judy Lott, Juanita Canterbury and Mabel Reynolds.

Wildwood Church, Clinton Dedicates New Sanctuary

On April 11, Wildwood Church of Clinton held a dedication service for its new \$100,000 multipurpose building. The edifice is constructed in a Southern Colonial style of antique grey brick with charcoal trim.

The special day's activities included: recognition of the church's earlier pastors, Rev. Fred Tarpley and Rev. David T. Cranford; honoring the building committee; a dedicatory challenge presented by Dr. Charles Martin of the Missis-

issippi College faculty; a dedicatory message presented by Dr. Perry Perkins, director of church-minister relations, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; special music presented by Dr. Jack Lyall, minister of music at Wildwood and head of the Music Department at Mississippi College; dinner on the ground; and an afternoon organ recital by Michael Womack.

The pastor is Dr. Fred G. Womack.

MC Establishes Howard Spell Lectureship Fund

(Continued from page 1) will bring persons to the campus who can relate their particular disciplines to the Christian religion and show the challenges and opportunities for the Christian in the world of today. From time to time denominational leaders may be selected to speak on current issues facing Southern Baptists.

Under stipulations of the fund, selection and planning for the lectureship program shall be done by a committee composed of the chairman of the Division of Religion, the president of the college, and the vice-president for academic affairs.

Dr. and Mrs. Spell have been associated with Mississippi Col-

lege for many years. Dr. Spell graduated from the institution in 1924 and then taught at the college for five years starting in 1927. He returned to the college in 1941 as professor of Bible and religious education and became academic dean in 1947 and served in that dual capacity until 1969. He retired from the academic deanship, but continued to teach in the Division of Religion until 1973.

Mrs. Spell is an accomplished artist and teaches private lessons in her studio located behind her home. She has served as a hostess at many college functions and earlier this school year she and her husband were both honored with "Service to Humanity" awards by the college.

Dr. Naylor To Address Blue Mountain Grads

Dr. Robert Ernest Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, will deliver the Baccalaureate address during commencement day activities May 2 at Blue Mountain College.

Born in Harts-horne, Oklahoma, Dr. Naylor has been the pastor at Baptist churches in Arkansas, Oklahoma, South

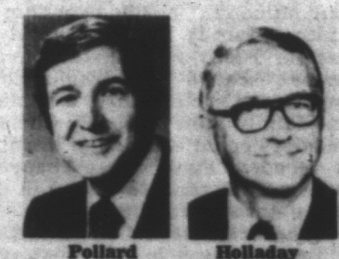
Carolina and Texas. He was pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth prior to his being named president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1958.

He was graduated from East Central State Teachers College in Ada, Oklahoma and received his Th. M. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Naylor was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Ouachita Baptist College in 1941 and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Texas Christian University in 1965.

Clarke Commencement Is Set For Friday, May 7

The Clarke College 1976 Commencement Day is planned for Friday, May 7, according to Dr. W. L. Campere, president. Dr. Franklin D. Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will be the commencement service speaker at 10 a.m. The graduation address at 3 p.m. will be presented by Dr. C. E. Holladay, Mississippi Superintendent of Education. Both assemblies will be in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Newton.

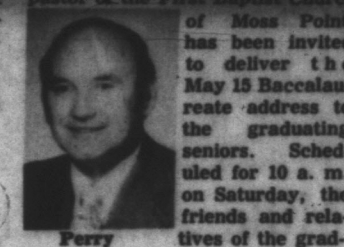
Dr. Franklin D. Pollard, a native of Texas, is a graduate of Texas A. & M. University and of Southwestern Seminary. He served as pastor of six Texas Baptist Churches prior to becoming pastor of First, Jackson.



Dr. C. E. Holladay, a native of Newton County, Mississippi, is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, Peabody College, and the University of Mississippi. Prior to his election to his present position, he served for many years as superintendent of schools at Tupelo. He is an active Baptist deacon.

Perry, Rankin To Speak At Carey Graduation Exercises

William Carey College has announced that Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Moss Point, has been invited to deliver the May 15 Baccalaureate address to the graduating seniors. Scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, the friends and relatives of the graduates will be in attendance.



The Commencement service will be held on the same day at 5 p.m.

Dr. Hugh Rankin, outstanding history professor at Tulane University, will be the speaker.

Perry, an alumnus of Carey College, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees, is a native of Heflin, Alabama. He holds the Master of Theology degree from the New Orleans Seminary. A trustee of the Baptist Sunday School Board, he is former moderator of the Jackson County Baptist Association. He is married to the former Sue Minton and the couple has three children. Their oldest son, Stephen, is a dean's list scholar at William Carey College.

E. S. James - - -

(Continued from page 1) nine Baptist hospitals to receive federal funds. The convention rejected the committee's report.

James was a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and also served on several of its committees. He was a former chairman of the Texas Convention's executive board and was a trustee for Americans United for Separation of Church and State until his retirement from the Standard.

Born March 1, 1900, at Butler, Okla., James did not affiliate with the church until he was 21 years of age. He said he soon realized "God wanted all I had," which meant first serving as a lay preacher while he taught school, and later, all his time as a pastor.

James came to Texas in 1930, after a brief pastorate in Kansas, to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Cisco. He served there for seven years, resigning to become pastor of First Baptist Church at Vernon. He had been pastor there 17 years when he was elected editor of the Baptist Standard in 1954.

James was named editor emeritus of the Standard when he retired in 1966. He and Mrs. James made their home near Denton after retirement until several years ago, when they returned to Dallas.

Mississippi Mission Tour To Focus On Baptist Heritage

The 1976 State Mission Tour, scheduled for May 24-25, will focus on the heritage of Mississippi Baptist history.



R. A. McLemore, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, will serve as guide for the tour which is sponsored by the Brotherhood Department. "The two-day tour, beginning in Jackson, is routed through Summit, Natchez, and Vicksburg and includes stops at Mississippi College, Woodville Baptist Church, the gravesite of Ashley Vaughn, and the Boyd Historical Shelter," said Paul Harrell of the Brotherhood Department. "We're hoping plans can be completed to visit an antebellum home in Natchez."

Cost for the two-day, one-night tour is \$20 per person, with \$5 due with the registration. This includes transportation by chartered bus and overnight lodging in

Richardson Named Associate On Biblical Recorder

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Charles R. Richardson, assistant editor of the Baptist Standard in Dallas,



will accept a similar position with the Biblical Recorder, state news publication for North Carolina Southern Baptists, effective June 15. Richardson, 40, an 18-year veteran of journalism and public relations, fills a position vacated in Nov. 1973 by Toby Drulin, according to Mar-

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Guest Editorial

Crisis In The Family

Foy Valentine
Executive Secretary
Christian Life Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention

No one lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. So, no family exists to itself, and none is an island existing apart from the culture.

When the family comes under fire and is bombarded mercilessly and ridiculed shamelessly by godless but influential elements within the culture, family life is inevitably affected. Today's Christians have no more escaped the tragic consequences of such cultural assaults on the family than the early Christian martyrs could escape the impact of a decadent state whose cheapened views of human life issued in their being thrown to the lions.

The Crisis that Confronts Us

Twice before in the history of Western civilization family life has gone on the rocks, once in the Greek city-states about B.C. 300, and again in Rome about A.D. 300. In each case, the disintegration of family life was accompanied by the deterioration of the entire political structure. In each case, the symptoms were the same: (1) There was an almost universal disregard of the marriage agreement. (2) There was a declining birthrate, a symptom of preoccupation with things instead of a commitment to persons. (3) There was a denigration of parents, a sophisticated irresponsibility on the part of children toward their mothers and fathers, and on the part of mothers and fathers toward their children. (4) There was a tremendous rise in juvenile delinquency which then, as now, was preceded by adult delinquency.

These same symptoms are obvious today, not only in the culture at large, but also in the churches as well: (1) The United States now has the highest divorce rate in the world. For the first time in history, both the president and the vice-

president of the United States are married to women who have been divorced, and the latter is himself a divorced man. Divorce directly affects most families in the nation, including most families, in the churches. (2) There are indications that this nation's declining birthrate may not really be related to the serious moral problem of overpopulation in the world but may rather reflect a materialistic and selfish orientation to gadgets, creature comforts, and the love of luxury. (3) The modern deterioration of the parental role has been aided and abetted by modern mobility, by absentee mothers and fathers, and by the mass media, particularly television. (4) The fact of juvenile-adult delinquency is real and growing. Although there is not as much talk about the problem today as there was a few years ago, the problem seems actually to be seriously worsening.

The family crises of ancient Greece and Rome are the family crises of today's world as well.

The Role of the Church

What can the church do to help families find stability and strength in the midst of the current crisis?

The Roman Empire fell, Saint Augustine said, for want of order in the soul. It is not the church's business to prop up tottering empires; it is the church's business to foster order in the soul. The soul is the result of authentic evangelism. True order in the soul begins by the work of the grace of God in the lives of individual believers who personally trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. That order in the soul is then extended to family life, social life, economic life, and political life by the disciplined and cross-bearing people of God. It is imperative for the church to stand for authentic evangelism if integrity in family life is to be restored.

It is also imperative for the church to hold strongly and teach clearly the Bible ideals and Bible

principles related to marriage and the family. The gospel of God in Jesus Christ was never meant just for isolated individuals; it has always been meant for persons living in families and in the larger context of the whole human family. God's ideal from the beginning has been for one man and one woman to be joined together for life in the bonds of holy matrimony. God's purposes for the family—companionship, reproduction, nurture, and affection—must be understood, communicated, and furthered by churches aroused to the importance of the recovery of family life.

Bible principles related to family life deserving consistent attention by Christians are grace, commitment, faithfulness, freedom, and responsibility. These Bible principles, conscientiously studied and faithfully followed, will substantially help the church in moving from transition to true togetherness in Jesus Christ.

The church that is true to Christ in its witness concerning the family will insist in its preaching, teaching, program activities, building, stewardship, and outreach that marriage is not contract but commitment in the Lord, not freedom but fetters in the Lord, and not private but public under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

(This statement appears in the April 1976 issue of Outreach magazine and is made available to state Baptist newspapers by permission of the Baptist Sunday School Board.)

Appointment

"It is appointed unto man, once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Death has come in recent weeks to two prominent persons.

Most recent was Howard Hughes, one of the world's richest men, and one of the most controversial.

The other was a widely known woman, best known for her strange ability in healing services, in which hundreds claimed that they were healed from various maladies and diseases.

All of Mr. Hughes' money could not save him, when death came knocking at the door.

The power of restoring health to others could not save, when Katherine Kuhlman's heart stopped.

Men through the ages have sought some escape from death. Their greatest achievement in the field is the discovery of means of sometimes delaying death for a little while. No way has been found to drive it from our midst, even for one person.

The reason is that death is an "appointment." It was made by God himself. The only ones who will escape it are those Christians who happen to be on the earth in that hour, when our Lord returns. Christ himself had an appointment with death, but overcame that death, rose from the grave, and is coming again. Those who are His own at that hour, will go without dying. For all of the rest of us it is an appointment which we cannot avoid, and for which we should be ready.

Yes, we must prepare, for with death there is a further appointment... the judgment. After death... the judgment... the moment when we stand before God. We all have an appointment! Are we ready?

ist history, while others are little known. Baptists of America can read these pages and be proud of the part that their fathers had in establishing this nation 200 years ago.

SHOULD INFANTS BE BAPTIZED by T. E. Watson (Guardian Press, Grand Rapids, paper, 108 pp., \$2.45) Revised edition of book first published in 1962 under title *Baptism Not For Infants*. A careful study of infant baptism. Shows that infant baptism is not Scriptural, and that the arguments favoring it, will not stand up when carefully considered in the light of the Bible. A chapter discusses "the evils of infant baptism" because of its false claims concerning, making those who receive it "children of God." The Baptist position that only "immersion of a believer" is New Testament baptism, is clearly authenticated in this book.

GLORY IN THE CHURCH by Edward F. Hindson (Thomas Nelson, pocketbook paper, 128 pp., \$1.95) A discussion of the need for, the nature of, the obstacles, the power, the preaching, and other matters related to revival in the churches. A closing chapter tells of revival in Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. A challenging study.

BAPTIST PATRIOTS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION by William Cathcart (Guardian Press, Grand Rapids, Mich., paper, 118 pp., \$2.45) Reprint of book which was published in 1976 under title *The Baptists and the American Revolution*. Presents the story of the very important part that Baptists had in the Revolution, the founding of the nation, the writing of the constitution. Some of these Baptists are well known in Bap-

Liquor And Milk; And Wine

The liquor forces never quit! Their determination to lead more and more Americans to use alcohol is almost unbelievable. Consider the latest move.

The publication of the American Business Men's Research Foundation, *Report on Alcohol*, reports in its Winter 1975 issue, that "the Heublein Company has launched a new class of alcoholic drinks" in which alcohol is blended with milk. The drink was introduced in the Chicago area last summer and is being "pushed to record sales" in that area.

Called the "Cows," the drink is a milk-based product with 15% alcohol content. It is described as an "alcohol milkshake" and comes in four flavors, strawberry, chocolate mint, banana and mocha. According to *Report*, the company says that with the drink it is aiming at The Youth Market, the Black Market, and the Women. One retail spokesman in the Chicago area is reported to have said, "Right now 'Cows' is the hottest thing going." An executive of this company making the produce is reported to have said "There is a huge market here because 'Cows' can even appeal to non-drinkers."

This latter statement, is, of course, one of the problems. The liquor companies are seeking to develop a taste for alcohol, "even" among "the non-drinkers." Already

alcohol is the biggest drug problem among the youth of our land. Now, with moves such as this, it can become an even greater one.

Here in Mississippi, the same determination of the liquor crowd to sell more liquor is seen in the "native wine" bill which has been passed by the legislature. Hailed as a boost to the agriculture of the state in the development of grape growing, it actually is a move which will make more wine producers, will allow the production of wine with very small tax, and will allow the making and selling of wine without the control of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. In other words, another liquor group is being loosed with little or no control. The goal: more alcoholic consumption. Governor Finch should veto this bill so quickly that the legislature would be made to wonder what happened. We urge him to veto it now!

The only answer to the crusade of the liquor groups is for Christians to rise up and fight the traffic with all of the power they have. They cannot remain silent; they cannot sit idly by.

Alcohol has destroyed individuals, homes, nations and civilizations. Our own nation is threatened. Let us rise up as Christians and take a stand against alcohol, for our own sakes and for the sake of our nation and the world.

NEWEST BOOKS

LEADING YOUR CHURCH IN EVANGELISM by Lewis A. Drummond (Broadman, paper, 168 pp., \$2.95) The professor who holds the Chair of Evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, provides a handbook on evangelism and how it can be used in the local church. Special emphasis is given to the place of the pastor in an effective evangelistic program. The book offers both a theology and a strategy, for evangelism in our churches at this hour.

STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS April-June, 1976 by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, 131 pp., paper \$1.65) Quarterly section of the study annual on Life and Work lesson series of the Sunday School Board.



STEP INTO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Christ's Prayer In The Garden Was Answered

Dear Dr. Odle:

I would like to call attention to the Lord's prayer for deliverance in the Garden of Gethsemane.

If He was praying that if it be possible for God to save sinners without Him going to the cross, then our Lord prayed one prayer that was not answered, for He did die on the Cross. We know that He has never, never, prayed a prayer that the father did not answer (John 11:41,42).

The Savior was about to die in the Garden, and had Satan succeeded in killing Him in the Garden, He would not have been the Redeemer. God did answer His prayer for we find in Luke 22:43 an angel appeared "strengthening Him." Hebrews 5:7 also tells us that God answered His prayer.

For the Lord Jesus to be our Savior, He must die "according to the Scriptures" (Old Testament Scriptures). The Prophets had foretold His crucifixion — for example Psalms 22:16. (Read all the 22nd Psalm and note some of the statements from the cross).

When the mob came to the Garden to arrest Him, Peter drew his sword and cut off the servant's ear. The Lord Jesus told him to put up his sword, restored the servant's ear and, and then said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray My Father and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels. But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, and thus it must be" (Matt. 26:52-54).

The Lord Jesus came into the world to die on the cross (John 3:14,15; Matt. 16:21-23; Luke 24:6-8). He laid down His life (John 10:17,18; John 18:4-9). He willingly went to the cross (Hebrews 12:2). The Gospel of Christ is "how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (O. T. Scriptures) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (O. T. Scriptures) I Cor. 15:3,4. This is the Good News that saves every sinner who believes it (Romans 1:16).

K. Z. Stevens
Columbus, Miss.

Grateful For Publicity Given Children's Village

Dear Dr. Odle:

Thank you for the publicity given the Children's Village upon my selection as president of the Board.

This is only one of the long series of "boosts" you have given the Children's Village over the years.

Rev. L. S. Foster, founder of the Orphanage

SCREWTAPES WRITES AGAIN by Walter Martin (Vision House, 150 pp., \$4.95).

In 1941 the original Screwtape Letters were published by C. S. Lewis. They were "letters" from the devil, revealing some of the ways in which he works in tempting men. Now another author writes similar letters, dealing with problems of the present hour such as pornography, sex, demon possession, charismatics, etc. An interesting presentation of Satan's present day activity.

LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS by Lloyd J. Ogilvie (Word, 290 pp., \$7.95).

Expositions on the book of Mark, with messages covering every chapter in the book. Apparently these are sermons on the Bible passages as they were delivered to congregations. The author is senior minister of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, Calif.



Bicentennial Feature

Special Issue Salutes Bicentennial

NASHVILLE — To better proclaim the Bicentennial to church members, the July 1976 issue of "Proclaim" will include unique historical features.

"Proclaim," published by the church administration department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will emphasize in this issue Baptist contributions to the founding of America.

To this end one offering is "A Nation Under God," a sermon by Harold Freeman, associate professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Freeman's sermon will be included in a new four-page feature, "Preaching Resources for Special Occasions."

Also of interest is Robert S. Magee's sermon, "Words that Fortify America," which earned the George Washington Honor Medal Award from the Freedom Foundation. Magee is pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, La.

"Honoring Our Baptist Heritage," a 30-minute dramatic reading for three readers, is designed for use in churches on Sunday, July 4. Written by John M. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Pierce, Fla., the reading traces the development of religious liberty in America and of significant Baptists in the past who have helped make today's freedom possible.

anage, now the Children's Village, borrowed on his personal insurance and purchased a printing press and published a small monthly paper called "The Orphanage Gem." This publication was for thirty years devoted solely to promoting the orphanage. All the while the Record carried favorable publicity and served out statewide promotion needs and continues to do so, for which we are ever grateful.

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Missionary Hugo Parkman meets goats at airport in Manila.

"Very Important Goats" Get Special Philippine Welcome

By Robert L. Stanley
MANILA, Philippines (BP)—W. Hugo Parkman, Southern Baptist missionary and business manager of the Philippine Baptist mission, is accustomed to greeting Baptist "VIP's" when they arrive at the Manila International Airport.

But recently he met a select group of what he called "VIG's"—very important goats.

The eight goats, purebred nubians selected from some of the best milk-producing goat herds in the United States, were on their way to the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center, near Davao City in the Southern Philippines.

Southern Baptist missionary

Harold R. Watson, director of the center, plans to use the two males and six females as breeding stock to help upgrade the milk production in the center's experimental goat herd, consisting of some 150 animals.

He envisions the project as instrumental in helping to establish a new home dairy industry built around the dairy goat.

"We feel the dairy goat is the animal for the Philippines," Watson explained. "They require only a small grazing area, children can handle them and help take care of them, and they are properly acclimated to their tropical region."

The Southern Baptist Foreign

Mission Board, with the assistance of Agricultural Missions Foundation of Yazoo City, Miss., made more than \$5,000 available to buy the goats and pay for their air cargo transportation to the Philippines.

The goats, selected by members of Heifer Project International, attracted considerable interest as they were unloaded from the Flying Tiger Line, Inc., plane which had carried them some 8,000 miles from California to Manila.

Filipino customs men and cargo handlers hopped up on the cargo truck to see the "kambing" (the Tagalog word for "goats") and expressed surprise when told the females could produce over a gallon of milk a day—far surpassing the cup of milk which a native Filipino goat normally produces.

Then, as hundreds watched from the airport's crowded second-floor observation deck, Parkman and a mission photographer rode with the goats across the busy terminal into the cargo area.

The next day the goats were loaded aboard a Philippine air cargo plane for the 600-mile trip to Davao City and a truck ride out to the Rural Life Center, where they will graze in the picturesque country near the foothills of 9,990-foot Mt. Apo, the Philippines' highest mountain.

Watson, who was on hand to meet the goats in Davao City, is already looking ahead to 1977.

One of the Rural Life Center's main thrusts next year will be dairy goats—with seminars planned on how to feed and milk them and how to care for them in a home situation.

In the Philippines where fresh milk is a rarity, Watson sees great possibilities for the dairy goat industry around the population centers. He believes many families could benefit from having their own milk-producing animal.

Already, people are coming from as far as Cuba (in the Philippines' central islands) to buy goats at the Baptist center.

To help focus attention on the project, Watson plans to donate a purebred nubian goat to the Davao regional office of the Bureau of Animal Industry for use in its breeding program.

The nubian goat's ancestry goes back to the Nubian Empire, located between Egypt and Ethiopia, that prospered from the sixth to the 14th centuries.

"Even the half-breeds and less desirable goats that come from the Rural Life Center herds are useful for meat purposes," Watson added, "since the half-breed nubian weighs almost twice as much as the native goat."

Robert L. Stanley is a Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines.

Rules themselves do not guarantee a man's safety, but living in accordance with those rules will. The thinking man works safely for himself, not because he is being watched.

Hindrances To Baptist Advance In Their Developing Years

Internal Divisions Though Onward March

Third of a Bicentennial Series
By Gaines S. Dobbins

The principle of local church autonomy carried with it seeds of division. In a hierarchical or synodical system differences could be handled from the authoritative top, but Baptists acknowledged no such authority.



Every member had the right to voice opinion, to vote conviction, and was committed to abide by majority vote. Underlying this polity was the assumption that the majority voice of an intelligent, praying people could be trusted as the voice of God.

The trials, tribulations, and victories of colonial Baptists had led them to an implicit faith in the foresight and providence of God. As they emerged into the new nation's period of stability and growth, they were weary of struggle and sought a time of peace and rest. The theology of John Calvin appealed to them. Calvin exalted the absoluteness of God, according to which the salvation

of "the elect" was predestined from eternity, the fate of the non-elect likewise foreordained. Human effort for the salvation of the lost was therefore useless. Those Baptists who withdrew into this fatalistic doctrine were known as "Hardshells." Such belief cut the nerve of effort and evangelism and so stagnated outreach and progress. But evangelism prevailed!

The next internal division was between the missionary and anti-missionary Baptist factions. When British Baptist William Carey proposed in a meeting of ministers that missionaries be sent to a foreign field he was told to "Sit down! . . . When God wants to convert the world, he can do it without your help!" Yet Carey went to India and began the new era of foreign missions. The challenge of Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice, already in Burma, to become American Baptists' missionaries, met with mixed response. The majority opposed on "hardshell" grounds; but a determined minority responded. In the early 1830's the "split" came, the anti-missionary forces going their way to decline, the missionary churches going forward to become a mighty host.

"Landmarkism" brought a serious break in Baptist ranks. Zealous Baptists, led by fiery J. R. Graves, proposed that Baptist churches had the sole right to be called apostolic, and sought to trace their ancestry in unbroken line back to the apostles. Other bodies were therefore not churches but "religious societies." This doctrine of "apostolic succession" was received with enthusiasm by many Baptists, the fatal flaw being that history could not substantiate the unbroken link. The supporters of wishful thinking and of history divided sharply—but history won.

A still more serious rift devel-

oped in what came to be known as "Campbellism." Alexander Campbell (1788-1866), at first a Presbyterian minister, became dissatisfied, joined a Baptist church, and was soon recognized for his eloquence as preacher, his skill as debater, and his genius as organizer. He advocated a radical return to the original New Testament church pattern in all respects. This would involve abandonment of unscriptural denominational designations, such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc. He went further in his stand for baptism by immersion to the necessity of baptism to completion of salvation. He proposed that his

followers simply call themselves "Disciples of Christ." A considerable number of Baptist churches were swept into his movement. Unseemly bitterness at times—but Baptist loyalty triumphed!

In recent years controversies have arisen over charges of "liberalism" by self-styled "fundamentalists." Efforts to withdraw Convention fellowship have usually proved futile, since no authoritative creed exists by which to judge the charges.

How do Baptists settle their internal differences? Very simply, by agreeing to disagree, by respect for one another's opinions, by free and open discussion, by

seeking divine guidance, by recognizing majority rule, by acceptance of the Bible as sufficient and authoritative.

In the past, in the present, and may it ever be in the future: We are not divided, all one body we,

One in hope and doctrine, one in charity,
Onward, Christian soldiers!

(Note: Dr. Dobbins is one of Southern Baptists' most distinguished writers-professors emeritus. He taught for many years at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and also taught at Golden Gate Seminary.)

Baptist Visitors' Center Opened In D. C.

WASHINGTON (BP)—First Baptist Church here, a historic landmark in the nation's capital, has opened a Bicentennial Visitors' Center in hopes of making a spiritual contribution to persons visiting Washington this year.

U. S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.), a Baptist layman and keynote speaker at the center's opening, said, "The Bicentennial year and the activities planned in and around this visitor's center give Christians of First Baptist Church an opportunity to call fellow Americans to an allegiance in the authority outside man."

President Harry Truman attended the First Baptist Church during his presidency. One of a number of exhibits featured by the center will be the Truman family pew and an autographed picture of President Truman,

which he presented to the church.

Exhibits are being maintained at the visitors center by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, the Baptist World Alliance and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Other exhibits include photos of each member of Congress who is a Baptist (10 senators, the vice president and 45 representatives), a historical time scale from A.D. 1500 to the present, illustration of great moments in Baptist history, and a display illustrating the three theories of Baptist denominational origins.

Frederick E. Taylor, chairman of the church's Bicentennial Committee, said the church hopes, through the center, to make a spiritual contribution to visitors to the nation's capital and will place an emphasis on Baptist his-

tory and heritage and the contribution Baptists have made to the development of the American nation.

During the Bicentennial year, Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church, will preach on "the religion of the presidents" on the last Sunday of each month. Other Bicentennial projects include a guided tour of the church and its stained glass windows, daily noontime organ recitals, and lectures, films and dramas.

First Baptist Church, located at 10th and O Streets, N. W., eight blocks north of the White House, is a historic landmark and a tourist attraction in itself. The Visitors' Center will be open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information on it is available by writing the church (Zip code 20036) or by calling (202) 397-2206.

God Is A Pipeliner Too

By Gene Medaris

The longest Main Street in the world runs 800 miles through Skiny City, U. S. A. Seventeen pastors and chaplains are bringing the gospel to the 21,000 inhabitants of the nation's most unusual city as its residents build the trans-Alaska pipeline.

From Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic Ocean to the warm-water port of Valdez on Alaska's southern coast, the mile-wide corridor wind through mountain passes, across arctic tundra, over—but sometimes under—70 rivers and creeks. The job demands engineering skill that have never been tested. Special techniques must be used to cross the high-risk Denali fault earthquake area and the mighty Yukon River, third longest river in the United States.

Workers come from many plac-

attempted.

Salaries often exceed \$1,000 per week for laborers, with room and board free, but even with this money the turnover is over 200 percent per year.

Alyeska, a consortium of seven oil companies, has recognized the need for spiritual help to the personnel involved in this history-making project. Many work in isolated camps away from their families, most work 12 hours a day, seven days a week. These workers frequently need help in family and spiritual matters. Through the Alaskan Christian Conference, Alyeska has provided \$35,000 yearly to fund a coordinator, Dr. Ray Dexter, to implement a program to meet this need. All other chaplains are funded by their respective denominations, and are directed through the coordinator. Seven denominations have formed their own "consortium" to join Alyeska in providing for the spiritual and social needs of the employees of the Pipeline Service Company. These denominations

chaplains either live in the camps or travel to the 16 camps six days each week. It was to this ministry that Southern Baptists appointed Chaplain James Eastland only a few months after the permit was issued for construction of the project.

South of the Yukon River, the ministry is carried on by 13 pastors who serve the camps near their homes. The chaplains, by necessity, must serve as "Christian" ministers and not as denominational men.

Ray Nelson serves as the pastor-chaplain in the Delta Junction area. Eight miles from the First Baptist Church of Delta a large pipeline camp was established. Nelson has been able to carry the message of Jesus Christ to the personnel of Delta camp with recognized success. While Nelson attributes the achievement of his ministry to God's hand, the fact that God chose the man he did for that work is evident.

A native of Weleetka, Oklahoma,

learned to operate heavy equipment and repair and maintain diesel equipment. Now he finds the language of the construction worker is that which God had him learning as a soldier. Nelson later became a First Sergeant, his rank upon retirement.

As a soldier in California in 1952, Nelson met and married Mary Jane McDaniel. With seven children of their own, the Nelsons now have two foster children who have joined the family circle.

Just to listen to Ray Nelson talk of the Lord's work at the Delta camp, and in his church, causes one to get out of breath. To try and follow him for a day is exhausting. After hearing him say, "The Lord will give us strength, let's go," for the third time, people begin to ask the Lord for strength instead of trying to slow Nelson's pace.

The chaplain's ministry is not to be measured in the 11-13 people each week who crowd into the tiny conference room to sing and hear God's word, nor should the 33 at the last film-showing indicate success. Nelson believes it is much deeper than that. Daily, construction people turn off the



Vacation Bible Schools Report Increases In 1975

NASHVILLE — Vacation Bible Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention reached an all time high of 34,949 in 1975 according to figures released recently by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

That was an increase of 5,823 over the 1974 report and represented the largest annual increase in Southern Baptist Convention history. Improved reporting procedures accounted for some of the increase. The figures include church Vacation Bible Schools, Mission Vacation Bible Schools and Backyard Bible Clubs.

In the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Broadmoor Baptist Church in Hinds Madison Association had the highest VBS enrollment with a total of 1,154. Other churches in the Mississippi top five were Gulfport First, Gulf Coast Association; Woodlawn, Warren Association; and McDowell Road and Alta Woods in Hinds Madison Association.

The top five churches in the Southern Baptist Convention were First Baptist Church, Dallas, with a VBS enrollment of 7,177; First Baptist Church, Brownsville, Tex., 4,264; Green Acres Baptist Church, Smith Association, Texas, 2,632; Glenview Baptist Church, Tarrant Association, Texas, 2,463; and Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., 2,273.

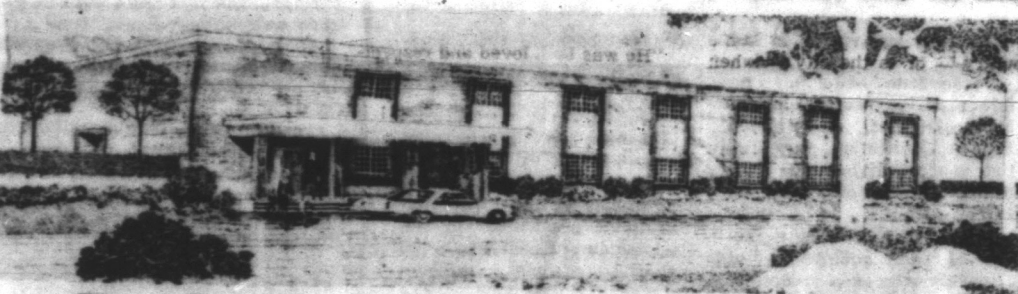
Vacation Bible School enrollment for the Southern Baptist Convention increased 175,350 over 1974, bringing the total to 3,491,376. Professions of faith showed a gain of 7.4 percent, which ended a two year decline. The total for professions of faith was 48,958.

It was projected that 1975 Vacation Bible Schools discovered 1,324,415 unchurched prospects. This includes pupils and parents.

Adults in Vacation Bible School totaled 74,001 in 1975, a four percent increase over the previous year.

1975 Top 25 VBS Enrollments in Mississippi (Church + Mission + Backyard)

Church Name	Enrollment	Association
1. Broadmoor	1154	Hinds Madison
2. Gulfport, First	998	Gulf Coast
3. Woodlawn	976	Warren
4. McDowell Road	882	Hinds Madison
5. Alta Woods	848	Hinds Madison
6. Greenville, First	687	Washington
7. Morrison Heights	683	Hinds Madison
8. Starkville, First	616	Oktibbeha
9. Columbus, First	567	Lowndes
10. Biloxi, First	565	Gulf Coast
11. Parkway	563	Hinds Madison
12. Bowmar Avenue	553	Warren
13. Colonial Hills	550	Desoto
14. Harrisburg	474	Lee
15. Prentiss	472	Jefferson Davis
16. West Point, First	440	Clay
17. Woodville Heights	431	Hinds Madison
18. Jackson, First	430	Hinds Madison
19. Pascagoula, First	429	Jackson
20. Yazoo City, First	427	Yazoo
21. Columbia, First	411	Marion
22. Oak Forest	410	Hinds Madison
23. Batesville, First	399	Panola
24. Temple, Hattiesburg	389	Lebanon
25. Hazlehurst, First	383	Copiah



First, Brandon To Construct Children's Building

First Church, Brandon voted April 11 to accept the bid of Hanberry Construction of Hattiesburg for the construction of a new Preschool and children's education building.

The facility, approximately 16,000 square feet, will provide new facilities for nursery care, Sunday School, Church Training, Music, Mission Organizations and Kindergarten. Also included are a small kitchen and an office for the Kindergarten administrative staff.

Estimated total cost of the building and furnishings is \$305,000.

To finance the construction, the church is using the "Together We Build" fund raising campaign. Rev. John Alexander, Director of the Stewardship Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, served as consultant. Thus far, gifts and commitments to the campaign have surpassed the

\$298,000 mark. This special funding will save several hundred thousand dollars in interest and allow the church to proceed more quickly with additional facilities.

Warren McClesky is architect of the building; G. Hayes Graves is chairman of the Building Committee; A. L. Benton, Jr. served as chairman of the "Together We Build" campaign; and W. Thomas "Tommy" Baddley is pastor.



Jubalaire To Present "Travelin' Road"

On Sunday, May 2, Jubalaire will present "Travelin' Road" by Don Wyrzten at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, at 7:30 p.m. The adult ensemble is an outreach of the music ministry of Morrison Heights.

"Travelin' Road" is a biblical musical which focuses on the warmth, reality and joy of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The music and lyrics develop around a central theme. Life is described as a road which each man must travel; somewhere along this road each man is confronted with the issues of life and the possibility of a personal relationship with God. Just as the resurrected Lord met some of His disciples along the Emmaus Road, He offers to walk with every man through life and into eternity.

Since the ensemble was formed two years ago they have sung at the State Religious Education Conference, the Old Capitol during the Christmas season, and other civic functions in Clinton. Their style of music is varied from gospel to hymn arrangements to light rock. The director is Bill Barnes and accompanist is Joanie Tarbet. The public is invited.

Dr. Charles H. Melton Is Subject Of Winning Essay

Dolores Raines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Raines of Newton, was a recent state winner in the "Ability Counts" Essay Contest, sponsored by the Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped. Dolores placed fifth in the state on her essay entitled, "A Profile of Achievement: How a Handicapped Person Approaches Life." She received first place Newton County honors. Her essay was based

upon research concerning the life and work of Dr. Charles H. Melton, professor of Religion at Clarke Memorial College in Newton.

Dolores was also the 1975 Newton County winner in the annual essay contest. She received her certificate of recognition from Governor Cliff Finch recently in Jackson. She was awarded a scholarship by Belhaven College.

Dr. Melton, the subject of the essay, is the chairman of the Department of Religion at Clarke. He teaches courses on "The History and Philosophy of Religious Education," "Baptist History and Work" and the "Book of Hosea."

Dr. Melton was born with a condition known as retinitis pigmentosa, or progressive blindness. He has been totally blind for approximately 25 years.

According to Dolores' essay, Dr. Melton accepts his blindness cheerfully and does not let it interfere with living life to its fullest. Dr. Melton states that, "It does not matter what a person's condition is. That person can achieve whatever he chooses to achieve if he wishes to do so. A handicap is dispositional and attitudinal rather than physical."

Dr. Melton's advice to a young handicapped person is as follows: "Determine to be the best that you possibly can be. Determine to achieve superiority no matter what the cost. Pay the cost."

Summer Camps—1976

With summer approaching, GAS and Acteens turn their minds to Camp Garaywa!

With a theme of "One Nation Under God," Miss Marilyn Hopkins has nine weeks of summer activities planned for Mississippi GAS and Acteens.

Miss Hopkins, state Acteens Director and Summer Camp Director, said, "The purpose of GAS and Acteens camps is to lead the camper to an understanding of God as Creator, to a personal knowledge of Christ, to develop a sense of fair play, integrity and honesty."

She also revealed a new time schedule for the weeks of camp. Camp begins each week with registration on Monday morning at 10 a.m. (not before) and ends at 1 p.m., following lunch, on Friday afternoon. Campers should be picked up at 1 p.m. or after on Friday afternoon in order for the

girls to have ample time for lunch.

Cost for each week of camp is \$27.50 which includes room, meals, insurance, and registration fee. The \$7.50 registration fee must be sent, along with camper's name, age, and church, to the WMU Office, Camp Registration, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. The balance of \$20.00 will be paid on arrival at camp. Spending money for crafts, snacks, and souvenirs as well as money for the mission offering may be brought by each girl. Registration fees are refundable until 5 days prior to the date of camp.

Dates for summer camps for GAS (ages 9-11) are:

May 31-June 4, June 14-18, June 21-25, June 28-July 2, July 12-16, July 26-30, August 2-6.

Dates for Acteens (ages 12-17) to attend camp are: June 7-11, July 19-23.

Giryama Project Begins In New Area Of Kenya

MOMBASA, Kenya — The Giryama tribe is the largest of the Miji Kenda area in southern Kenya. Although in every village of Giryama land there is evidence of Christianity, only a very small percentage, 13 per cent, consider themselves Christians. Baptists want to change that.

The Giryama people, totaling about 335,000 in a 1972 estimate, are not Muslim either. They have not turned to any new faith in large numbers. Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptists are planning a two fold project. The first part of the project is a water project, in which 10 to 15 wells will be dug in Giryama land.

Water is available in some areas within less than 100 feet of the surface. In other areas it is not available above 1,000 feet, which is beyond drilling or digging range. The well-digging project will be completed in August 1976 to coincide with the beginning of the evangelistic project.

Project Ugiryanani (in Giryama land) is to be a one-year attempt to reach large numbers of the Giryama people for Christ quickly using African-composed evangelistic impact teams. The project involves five steps.

The first step is the sending of spearhead project teams of one Giryama elder and one seminary-trained man to do evangelistic teaching of the fundamentals of faith for eight days in a family compound where several adults are willing to listen. They will also seek to discover and draw out local leaders and ask the group if they want to become a church. They will baptize those who give evidence of accepting Jesus as Saviour.

A team of teachers will follow immediately behind the spearhead teams to take the leaders from each of the new churches and teach them for one week how to lead a church, how to teach the Bible and how to preach.

Then, representatives from the local association will come during the week of the second step to

get acquainted with the new group of leaders and set up a program of continuing leadership training according to the association's plans. Mobile Bible schools will soon be set up and conducted by teachers from the seminary, especially Ezekiel Birya, a Giryama himself. The teaching teams of step two will select those who are to enter the Bible school.

Baptist Women Seminars Slated For Summer

Three seminars for Baptist Women are scheduled for June and July.

These special meetings are designed for women ages 30-45 to rediscover the Christian approach to life in the areas of decision making, establishing priorities, setting goals, and growing as Christian women.

The seminars will be led by Mrs. Barry Landrum of Greenville, pastor's wife, homemaker, mother, civic and community leader; and by Miss Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women Director for Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Schedule for the meeting is: June 28, Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

June 29, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

July 1, First Baptist Church, Grenada.

All meetings will be conducted from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cost of each seminar is \$5, which includes registration and lunch. To register for one of these seminars, send your name and address along with \$5 to Miss Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Be sure to indicate which seminar you will be attending.

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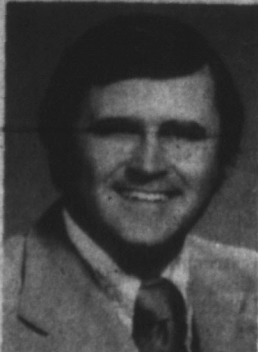
Monday, May 3

2:00 General Session
The Ministry of Recreation
Why Church Recreation?
Recreation for Church Members
Recreation and Organization
Senior Adult Recreation
Program Notes
3:00 Coffee Break Fellowship
3:30 Conference: Using Drama in the Church
4:00 Dinner
7:00 Experience in Church Recreation
Directed by: Robert Robertson
Music
Presentation of a play
Fellowship
9:30 Adjourn

Tuesday, May 4

8:30 Conference
Social Recreation
Puppet Production
Recreation
Crafts and Hobbies
10:00 Coffee Break Fellowship
10:30 Conference
Puppet Production
Sports and Games
Camping
Dramatic Games and Improvisation
12:00 Lunch

No Pre-registration



BOB SESSIONS



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1:30 Conference
Puppet Production
Social Recreation
Crafts and Hobbies
Recreation
3:00 Coffee Break Fellowship
3:30 Conference
Puppet Production
Sports and Games
Camping
Dramatic Games and Improvisation
4:50 General Session
5:20 Adjourn
(Note: No conference will be continued from one session to another. This schedule allows Mini-Lab participants to be involved in two different conferences in addition to the general conference scheduled Monday afternoon.)

PROGRAM PERSONNEL

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No Registration fee

SBC Mission Day Camp Slated For Norfolk

NORFOLK (BP) — While their parents conduct the business of the 119th annual Southern Baptist Convention here, June 15-17, children in grades 1-6 may attend a three-day mission day camp sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission.

The third annual SBC Mission Day Camp, to be held at Lafayette Park, will provide mission games, crafts, nature studies, and field trips, and feature Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries.

The camp will open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings prior to convention sessions and will adjourn at the close of the afternoon sessions on Tuesday and Thursday and the morning session on Wednesday.

Registration fee for the mission day camp is \$4 per day or \$10 for three days. The maximum fee for any one family regardless of the number of children is \$20 for the three-day session.

Parents who wish to pre-register their children for the mission camp should send their name and address, and names and ages of children to SBC Day Camp, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tennessee 38104. All registration fees will be collected at the convention center.

The Challenge Of Relationships

By Wm. J. Fallis

Ruth; Ephesians 4:25 to 6:4;
1 Peter 3:1-12

Marriage and family comprised a special treasure in Hebrew thought and life. The human race



began with a family created by God. Two of the Ten Commandments dealt with family relationships, and many other laws were given to safeguard the family. So we are not surprised that Paul had a high regard for the family. In fact, in this Ephesian passage he compared the relation of husband and wife to that of Christ and his church. The Bible is never flip-pant about marriage. The committed togetherness of marriage should be a joyful experience, but in God's sight it also means serious responsibilities.

The Lesson Explained
The Wife In A Christian Home

(Eph. 5:21-24)

The first word in verse 21 is better interpreted as a command: "Submit"; thus, the verse is the theme for the rest of the chapter. All believers are called to be subject to one another, not demanding personal rights or promoting self above others. But they were to accept one another and relate as equal, "because of your reverence for Christ" (TEV). All relationships were keyed to the Lord.

With reference to wives, this submission was related especially to husbands. Both in the Jewish and in the pagan home the husband was the head; the limited rights of the wife varied from one culture to another. Jesus had welcomed women believers, and Paul had said that men and women were equal in Christ (Gal. 3:28). But Paul here urged wives to accept the role of their husbands as head of the home, as Christ is head of his body the church. As the head is responsible for the safety of the body, Paul could be saying that the husband is the

spokesman for the family in the community, and protector against danger.

The Husband In The Christian Home
(Eph. 5:25-33)

Only when we read Paul's commandment to husbands can we appreciate what he said to wives. Husbands were to love their wives as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. That is not the kind of infatuation which popular songs groan or scream about. No, that love respects the wife as a person, is concerned for her happiness and comfort, is willing to share the tasks of family life, and wants the wife also to find personal fulfillment in their marriage. Although Paul did not say that, it is at least part of what "love" means. It is self-sacrificial love.

When Paul thought about Christ and the church, he went on in verses 26-27 to mention Christ's setting the church apart and preparing it for his ultimate purpose in eternity. Then he thought of all Christians being members of the

one body in Christ, and he pointed out that a man would not hate his own body. Finally, in verse 33 he summed up the ideal relationship of husband and wife; "respect" is a better word here than "reverence."

Children In A Christian Home
(Eph. 6:1-4)

Every child needs a home where husband and wife — mother and father — love each other. That is the essential basis for happy and emotionally healthy children. So the next relationship that Paul dealt with was the obligation of children to parents. It is contained in the little word "obey." Some modern translations interpret the phrase "in the Lord" as "a Christian duty." When Paul quoted the Fifth Commandment as his authority, and called it "first," he must have meant it was of prime importance. Although he was right in underscoring obedience, Paul knew that some fathers (who handled discipline then) might aggravate their children with unreasonable demands. So he added: "Raise them with Christian discipline and instruction" (TEV).



Festival Queen Is Crowned

Amy Nolan (left), formerly of Jackson, Mississippi, now of Lancaster, Ohio, is shown as Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain College, crowns her Queen of the Spring Festival, held on the campus recently. Miss Nolan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nolan of Ohio.

Resolution Commemorates Life Of Hattiesburg Deacon

Deacons of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, have adopted a resolution commemorating the life and character of D. I. Patrick, who died December 29, 1975.

Mr. Patrick was principal of Hattiesburg High School for many years.

"Suddenly God called from our midst a man who had unselfishly given his life to his Lord and Master and to his fellow man," the document stated.

"D. I. Patrick lived among us only 15 brief years — he left an impact of a lifetime!

"The center of his concern was the youth of our community. He taught by example and precept those admirable qualities upon which men and women of character are built.

"He was both loved and respected by those who came to know him and who had the privilege of receiving his instruction and guidance. He will long be esteemed and appreciated by those parents whose children have felt his most excellent influence.

"He was a faithful servant of God — a deacon of sound judgment, wisdom and deep spirituality — a student of the Bible — a teacher of God's Word.

"Faith in God was the foundation of his life — integrity, fairness and compassion were his strength. He never flinched or dodged a difficult situation. He never failed to take a stand, and never bartered popularity for truth. He never wavered from right.

"His character was oft tested by the tragedies of life — yet he remained unbroken and untarnished. He lived the Biblical truth, 'A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.'"

"He was a good and faithful husband and devoted father."

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Parents Are Teachers

By Bill Duncan

Acts 16:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:1-5, 3:14-17

One of the privileges and responsibilities of being a parent is that of being the teacher. It is a joy to see the child achieve but my, what work it is to get him to learn!



The important point to remember is that no parent can give away his responsibility. Even the choice of others to help him meet his responsibility must be carefully made. Until we reconstruct our society so that parents play a less significant role in the life of the child, parents will continue to be the major force in shaping a child's life.

Through the years Jesus has been known as the Master teacher. In the three years of his public ministry, he taught and influenced people from all walks of life. He communicated his message to multitudes, to difficult and unapproachable people. Yet his pupils so identified with Him and His message of love and redemption that he became a mighty force for change in most of their lives.

How did Jesus teach? A study of the New Testament reveals that Jesus approached people through

their interests and needs. Jesus loved each person and showed concern for his needs. All had the potential for growth and response to God. He always started where they were and with what they knew. Jesus was like a parent in that he did not choose who he wanted to teach because they were easily motivated or acted with the best behavior. Jesus was not afraid to believe in people whom others ignored and believed to be bad. Jesus did not squelch the personality of the students but recognized individual differences and helped them to find and use their abilities for God. Jesus taught through example and experience.

A parent would do well to follow the example and methods of the Master teacher as he relates truth and understanding to the child. Too many parents are putting the responsibility off on someone else in our day. This will not be the best teaching method. Sometimes the parents must get help, but never to be exclusive of parental training.

The home is the classroom where more is learned than anywhere in the child's environment. This does not mean that there will be formal classes, but it means that at every opportunity the parents will teach the truth. It is nothing for the average American family to sit quietly and reverently before the television set for 20 hours a week! How much could be done in half that amount of time in teaching the integrity of labor, the sanctity of sex, and the nobility of selflessness.

The young man Timothy had a motherly and grandmotherly influence brought to bear upon his life. His natural father must have died when the boy was young, but his spiritual father, Paul the Apostle, gave him great attention. Timothy was about 15 years of age when Paul led him to faith commitment in Jesus Christ. Paul was on his first missionary journey to Lystra and Derbe. Leaving his widowed mother, Eunice, Timothy went with Paul as God's "servant in the Gospel of Christ." Paul came to regard him as his adopted son. During the close companionship, training was given by Paul to the point that Timothy became an emissary on the confidential mission and in charge of very important congregations. From a child's training to an apostle associate, he was always in training.

The influence of the Bible as holy scriptures had been a part of Timothy's life from an early child. The Bible has functions to perform but first and foremost to make plain to sinful men the way of salvation.

The Holy Scriptures have a prominent place in the true development of our spiritual life, from

juvenility to maturity. The Bible is a great text book for many reasons. Here are some.

(1) It is remarkably conditioned — "all scripture is given by inspiration of God."

(2) It is widely profitable. It is good for teaching in the Christian faith. It will point out our faults and how often we need it. From the Bible we learn how we have gone astray but also how we can get right.

(3) The Bible is very effective. By faith, "Timothy became a child of God." Now he has grown into a "man of God" by the effective work of the salvation. The word of God will make him "perfect" and "thoroughly furnished." A Greek scholar has said the word perfect could mean "fitted" like a joint fitted to its socket so that it moves easily, painlessly, and effectively. The instructions of the Bible teaches a man how to "fit into" a situation. The word "thoroughly furnished" could speak of a term "fitted out" such as a ship is fitted out for a voyage — all that is required for the journey is placed on board. In the precious book he is fully stocked for all eventualities of life and service.

The parent as a teacher needs to teach the child the word of God. The world has admired Timothy and thanked God for Lois and Eunice who loved and taught him the Holy Scripture.



Bobby Rankin



Jerry Rankin

Fair River To Observe Rankin Day

The Fair River Church, Lincoln County, will observe Rankin Day on May 2, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Rankin and their children, Lori, 6, and Rusty, 4, missionaries to Indonesia.

The Rankins have been living in Clinton for a year, on furlough. They plan to return to Indonesia on May 8. Mrs. Rankin is a former member of the Fair River Church. Her mother, Mrs. Illa Simmons, and her sister, Mrs. Richard Douglas, are members of the church.

Mr. Rankin, who is from Clinton, will deliver the morning message at Fair River on May 2. Dinner will be served on the grounds. An afternoon service will begin at 1:30.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: May 2-8

Lafayette

May 2
Glen Putman, Tula
Tom Crawford, Union West
Lloyd Metts, Yellow Leaf

Lamar

Robert Goolsby, Baxterville
James Yates, Bellevue
May 3
Ronnie Wright, Corinth
Doug Saxton, Good Hope
J. D. Alexander, Greenville
H. L. Fewell, Hickory Grove
David Strebeck, Lumberton, First
May 4
Earnest Sanders, Military
Gilbert Wendt, Oloh
H. L. Deason, Oral
Thomas Hall, Purvis, First
Curtis Kirkland, Richburg

Lauderdale

May 5
Bill Patton, Arrowood
Jimmy Garrad, Bethany
Thomas Wood, Briarwood
Ira Smith, Carmel
Wade Rogers, Causeville
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May 7

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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Old Town Calls Marlon Seaney

Old Town Baptist Church, Calhoun County, has called Rev. Marlon Seaney as pastor. He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and will receive his Master of Divinity Degree in May from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Upon graduation he will begin his ministry at Old Town.

Rev. Seaney is married to the former Rita Garrett of Kilbuck, Mississippi. They have one daughter, Angela, age 3.

First, Orange Grove Plans Homecoming

The pastor and members of First Church, Orange Grove, near Pascagoula, have announced that homecoming day is set for May 2. Dinner on the grounds, fun and fellowship will follow the morning service.

Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor, invites all former pastors, former church members and friends.



Belzoni, 1st Dedicates Handbells And Portable Sound System

First Baptist Church, Belzoni, on March 21, held the dedication service for their new third octave of handbells and the new portable sound system. A variety of music was used during the service by three handbell groups and the vocal ensemble of the church. Rev. Jasper P. Neel, pastor, brought the dedication message. Pictured with some of the youth is the pastor. Rev. Jasper Neel, far left, and the music director, Everett Solie, far right.



Bethlehem (Simpson) Has New Pastor

Rev. Jerry G. McRaney has accepted the pastorate of Bethlehem Church (Simpson). He goes from Bethel Church (Adams).



Mr. McRaney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McRaney of Collins. He is married to the former Jackie Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knight, also of Collins.

The McRaneys, both graduates of William Carey College, are the parents of two daughters, Kristen Leigh, 21 months, and Gayla Michelle, 6 months.

Revival Results

First Church, Lucedale: April 4-9; Rev. James Fancher, evangelist; J. B. Betts, music director; Rev. David Merritt, pastor; 15 professions of faith; four additions by letter; a large number of rededications.

Dorsey (Itawamba): March 14-19; Gene O'Brian of Friendship (Oktibbeha), evangelist; George Martin of Booneville, singer; S. E. O'Brian, pastor; ten professions of faith; a number of other decisions.

Chester Church (Choctaw): March 14-19; Auzie Sullivan of Louisville, evangelist; Gwin H. Middleton, pastor; five professions of faith; two by letter; two seeking believer's baptism; 34 rededications.

Ridgecrest Church, Hattiesburg: April 4-9; Rev. Odell Tebo, pastor; four additions by letter; four rededications.



Calvary Cuts Ribbon At Bus Entrance

Calvary Church, Columbia, recently dedicated their newly acquired bus. After a Sunday morning worship hour, the congregation moved to the parking lot where the 42-passenger vehicle was stationed. Ronnie Ross, minister of music, and Rev. James E. Walker, pastor, led in the service of dedication which the pastor had specially prepared. Buford Ashley, chairman of deacons, led the dedicatory prayer.

Following the program the bus was open for a tour, with a ribbon cutting at the entrance. Happy Robertson, one of the church's older senior citizens, cut the ribbon.

The red and white (a Bicentennial note!) bus has heating and air-conditioning systems. Senior citizens made the first trip in it when they visited Palestinian Gardens near Lucedale. Younger groups are also taking trips to places of interest.

Mrs. Ethel Malone Dies At Lucedale

Mrs. Ethel Malone of Lucedale died March 13, 1976. A memorial service, led by Rev. Ron Roberts, associate minister of Rocky Creek Baptist Church in Lucedale, was held at the church on Sunday, March 14. Burial was at Rocky Creek cemetery.



Mrs. Malone was a dedicated and faithful member of the Rocky Creek church. She served for many years as church librarian, after helping to establish the library over 25 years ago. Much of her time was spent as a Sunday School teacher, W. M. U. leader, and G. A. director. Along with being a public school teacher for over 30 years, she taught many people in the community to play the organ and piano.

"Mrs. Ethel Malone was always ready to help anyone, anywhere, anytime, always portraying the likeness of Christian service," according to a memorial resolution adopted by the church.

Two walked in my garden
Through soft, sunny hours;
The one saw but the weeds,
The other saw my flowers.
—Della C. Miller.

Devotional

Isolation Or Involvement

By Tommy Tutor, pastor, First, Holly Springs

Isaiah 6:1-3

King Uzziah had reigned fifty-two years. Times had been relatively good. Evidently Isaiah had become at ease in Zion. But, the traumatic experience of losing his leader caused Isaiah to turn to God. Thus, he came to see God, himself, others, and his ministry in new light.

Isaiah had been living in isolation as far as God's mission and ministry was concerned. He simply had become so involved in living for himself that he had left God out. Often I have real concern that our lives, and even our churches, are being directed in the same way. By this we are more concerned about our blessings than we are our ministry to others.

Note with me some of the trends today. We prepare all week for what we are going to do on the Lord's day. The New Testament Church prepared on the Lord's day for what they were going to do during the week. We have a one day prayer meeting and a ten day revival. The early church had a ten day prayer meeting and a one day revival. We often have thirty converts; they had three thousand.

Too often I note people telling what God has done for me, rather than what God is doing through me. There needs to be an awakening to the ministry entrusted to us. Paul says that God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. It is not enough to go and invite people to church; we must share what God has done in Christ for them. It is great to live in this great country and share the multiple blessings of God. For instance, it is great to have the freedom on Sunday morning to worship God. Surely, we enjoy the inspiration of singing the great hymns of praise, and then to be built up and challenged by the Word of God. But, if this fails to send us out into the lost and dark world of sinners to penetrate their world with the light and love of God, it has failed to do what God intended.

Isaiah having come to see his life and responsibility in a new way said, "Here am I Lord, send me."

Names In The News

Mrs. Joyce Brown, a charter member of Mt. Comfort Baptist Church, Bruce, has been presented with a pin for 12 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. She is church secretary, and according to her pastor, is faithful in every activity of the church. For many years her home was opened to foster children.

Rev. Robert E. Wiggins, pastor of Burton Baptist Church, Perry, Fla., on February 13 received an earned Doctor of Divinity from Florida Bible College, Hollywood, Fla.

John Ray West was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by the West Drew Baptist Church, Sunflower County. At the present time he is employed at Mississippi State Penitentiary, but will enter Clarke College in the fall. He is married and has two children.

Rev. Tommy G. Middleton was recently ordained by Kolola Springs Church, Caledonia, where he is interim pastor. His father, Rev. Gwin Middleton, delivered the charge to the candidate. Rev. David L. Claxton of New Salem, where he was minister of music for three and one-half years. Others on program were Don Harding, chairman

of deacons at Kolola Springs, Mrs. Richard Simpson and Mrs. Tom Ford. Middleton will graduate from Mississippi State University on May 16, with a B.S. in music education, and will enter New Orleans Seminary this summer. He is married to the former Karen S. Mitchell of Germantown, TN. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Gwin Middleton of Chester.

Stephen Thomas Upton, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Upton, died here April 12. He was born April 7. His parents are Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from general evangelism work in Malawi. They are currently living in Eldon, Missouri.

Miss Ernelle Brooks, missionary to Nigeria for 29 years, died April 13 of cancer at the age of 59. Memorial services were to be Thursday, April 15, at Inwood Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C. with H. Cornell Goerner, area secretary for West Africa for the Foreign Mission Board, participating. A North Carolinian, Miss Brooks was born in Bridgeton.

Mississippi Press Women at their annual awards banquet April 2 at the Holiday Inn in Jackson presented awards to two Baptist Record writers. "Wilda Fancher won second place in personal columns entries, other than daily papers, 5,000 and over. Anne McWilliams won third place in the feature story contest, other than daily papers, 5,000 and over, and Honorable Mention for her series entry, in open competition.

Larry Hendricks of Yazoo City was recently elected president of the student council of Southwestern Seminary. He is a master of divinity student.



Rev. Gary Bowlin, (right) pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Rt. 2, Gloster, presents a license to Gary Glynn Forman Jr., who was licensed after the church voted to license him to the gospel ministry. Glynn, who is 15, also was presented with a Bible, and after the service was honored with a reception.



Members of Big Creek Church, Waynesboro, gave a surprise for their pastor and his wife and family, March 21. The occasion was in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Franklin McLelland's third anniversary at Big Creek Church. The surprise was made known in the fellowship hall immediately following the night service.

Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of the West Jackson Baptist Church of Jackson, Tennessee, was recently honored by the Alumni Association of Union University. He was named an Honorary Alumnus of the college. This is only the second time in the 150 year history of the institution that such an award has been bestowed. This recognition was given in recognition of his service to the school over a period of eighteen years. Byrd is a B.A. graduate of Mississippi College and holds the B.D., Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Offering "Given" At First, Olive Branch

Sunday, March 28 at First Church in Olive Branch, an innovative thing occurred — an offering was GIVEN. Instead of receiving an offering as is customarily done by churches, one was given. At the end of the worship hour, deacons and ushers distributed approximately 300 Bicentennial "silver dollars" to persons in attendance. Thus, for the first time known locally, persons were legitimately taking money out of the offering plates.

The occasion for this was the seventh anniversary in the ministry for their pastor, Bro. P. J. Scott. Bro. Scott and his family honored each person present with this gift.

Knowing that persons will want to keep the Bicentennial Dollar, they were challenged to return it's equivalent plus any money they have been able to use it to produce. This will take place with a Building Fund March to the altar on Sunday morning, April 18th. This money will be used for the purpose of renovating the church sanctuary.

When challenged to take the dollar and multiply it, creative minds went to work. One lady said that every donut that she sold for the next three weeks was going to the building fund. An eight year old girl reported to the family that they must pay 25c per slice for a cake that she had baked. An eight year old boy reported that he and his little brother and their two friends are going to pool their resources and sell cookies and lemonade to their families. Another girl who is ten years old is going to try to sell her dollar to her granddaddy for \$100.00. There is already much excitement and expectation being created over this.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — A descendant of Confucius is the pastor of the Amoy Street Baptist Church here. Kung Fan-pai, pastor of the church, is the 77th lineal descendant of Confucius. Prior to his coming to this church, Southern Baptist Missionary W. Carl Hunker served as interim pastor.



Distinguished Recognition

Alex Owens and Bobby Brown, pictured above left to right, are responsible for a remarkable achievement in Church Training for Byram Baptist Church, according to Henry J. Bennett, pastor. Owens is the Church Training director, and Brown is the Adult Department director. This church is one of six in the state to attain the highest level of recognition this year in the use of the Church Training Achievement Guide. Distinguished Recognition. Other churches include First, Coffeeville; First, Pearl; Calvary, Lowndes; Central, Lincoln; and First, West Point.

Off The Record

The husband finally consented to have his picture made after months of his wife's nagging. When the proofs came, she exclaimed, "There's only one button on your coat." The husband retorted: "Thank heaven! You've noticed it at last."

A visiting couple had overlasted their welcome, and the yawning host told the guests: "Who pays attention to time when good friends are together. Why, it's only 18 3/4 minutes after 12."

The preacher exhorted: "Look what the good Lord has done for all of you. Each of you ought to give a tenth of all you get." One member of the congregation showed his enthusiasm: "Amen, but a tenth ain't enough. I say, let's raise it to a twentieth."

Bus Outreach Growing In SBC

NASHVILLE — Bus riders attending Southern Baptist Sunday Schools total 266,604 on an average Sunday according to figures released recently by Sunday School department officials at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Statistics show that 19.5 percent, or 6,737 of the 34,472 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention reported having a bus outreach ministry during the 1974-75 church year. Also, 32 of the 33 state Baptist Conventions reported having bus outreach programs.

D. Lewis White, bus outreach consultant in the board's Sunday School department, said the total of churches reporting bus programs was up 550 over the last report in 1973. The number of riders on an average Sunday was up 46,426.

Revival Dates

Bolton Church: May 2-7; services at 11 a.m. Sunday and at 7:30 Sunday through Friday nights; Randy Turner, evangelist; Bill Clark, evangelistic singer; Wayne Burkes, pastor.

Locust Street Church (Pike): youth led revival; April 29 to May 2; services at 7 nightly; Leon Dunn, music and youth director, North Calvary Church, Philadelphia, evangelist; Bruce Fields, leading the music; Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

Nola Church: weekend revival; May 7, 8, 9; Rev. Jesse James, William Carey graduate, now a student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Rev. Larry Henderson, pastor; 7:30 Friday night; 7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

Cedar Bluff (Clay): May 2-7; Rev. Ron McCary, full-time evangelist from Birmingham, Alabama, preaching; Bill Wilkinson, associate pastor of First Church, West Point, singer; Rev. Jim Varnon, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.; special services for children, Grades 1-6, at 7 p.m.

Beacon Street, Philadelphia: May 3-7; Dr. Charles Bishop, pastor, Calvary Church, Bainbridge, Ga., evangelist; Gary Hodges, minister of music, Woodlawn, Vicksburg, singer; services 7:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. and 10 a.m. Tue. - Fri.; Dr. Henry E. Hight, pastor.

Two Mississippi Educators On National Colloquium

Two Mississippi Baptist college presidents will be among prominent educators and religious leaders who will address themselves to the challenges confronting Christian education in America's third century at a National Colloquium on Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in Williamsburg, Va., June 9-12.

They are Dr. W. Lewis Nobles, president, Mississippi College, Clinton; and Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president, William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

The colloquium is sponsored by the Education Commission of the 12.7-million member Southern Baptist Convention and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, made up of 71 colleges, schools, and seminaries from California to Virginia.